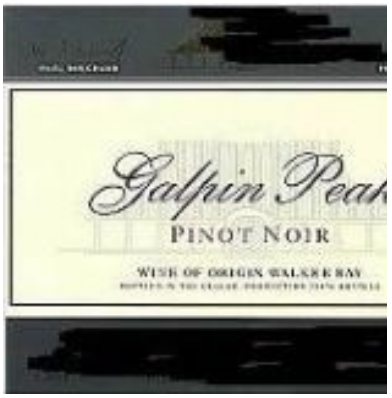
wine.co.za
easiest way to buy wine

Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 1999

The nose is aromatically scented with exciting whiffs of strawberries and truffles. Harmonious tannins dance behind fruits of the forest, which linger on the palate. A true celebration of Pinot crafting! Enjoy now through 2008. Pinot Noir is the most flexible varietals. Its richness comes from a multitude of layers of flavour. Enjoy with fish, poultry, gamebirds and red meat dishes.



variety : Pinot Noir | Pinot Noir
winery : Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard
winemaker : Peter Finlayson
wine of origin : Hemel-en-Aarde Valley
analysis : **alc :** 12.5 % vol **rs :** 1.8 g/l **pH :** 3.54 **ta :** 5.8 g/l
type : 0
pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** 0

in the cellar : The best Pinot Noirs stand virtually alone in the world's red wine theatre only to be matched in price by premier Bordeaux bottlings. The Hemel-en-Aarde Valley in Hermanus has proved to be an exception in the hunt for the illusive Pinot noir "terroir" outside of Burgundy. It is this particular soil and micro-climate which has once again offered a vintage with its own particular characteristic.

The 1999 vintage was preceded by relatively high rainfall (December 1998 = 130mm), which proved to be the catalyst for a measure of â€˜bunch rotâ€™ in the Pinot harvest. Pickers were required to carefully remove those parts of the fruit, which were unsuitable for quality wine â€“ which meant that harvesting was a very slow process. While the mere mention of rot instills fear in growers it does also have the potential to greatly enhance wine character. The joyous tannin structure in this wine can certainly be attributed to the vagaries of the harvest, which in this instance proved to be most positive.

Bouchard Finlayson Boutique Vineyard

Hermanus
028 312 3515
www.bouchardfinlayson.co.za